

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

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PRESS ADVISORY
Thursday, August 11, 1994

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MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS
TO MARK 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLUB
WITH A "SPECIAL EVENT" STATION"
AT CEDARBURG RAILROAD DEPOT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club will celebrate its 75th anniversary by setting up and operating a "ham radio" station at the telegrapher's desk in the historic Cedarburg Railroad Depot in Pioneer Village, 10 miles north of Cedarburg on County Highway I on Saturday, August 13.

The amateur shortwave radio station will be in operation from 10 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., using voice and Morse Code (telegraphy) to communicate with other stations across the country and around the world.

Amateur radio is both a hobby in which people around the world use shortwave radio equipment to meet and talk, and a public service providing emergency communications in times of natural disaster (earthquakes, forest fires, etc.).

Special Interest Day

8/13/94

What a fun day we had. Our club's 75th Anniversary special event station and our presidents 70th surprise birthday party. Everyone had big smiles on their faces, a good time was the motto for the day. Sue Miller, Kimberly Girard and Susan Lichl provided Ed's surprise birthday lunch and cake. And Fred Kinn provided delectable goodies, which is becoming a trade mark of his good hearted nature. Roger Zann video taped the fun and Ken Eggert took 35mm pictures.

Twenty three club members showed up to help set up the ~~4~~ stations and help operate. I think it's fair to say that Orr Stewart had the most fun while operating 20 meters. His happy go lucky style had operators standing in line waiting to contact us. 40, 15 + 10 meters were disappointing due to poor band conditions. Two meters thru our newly vitalized repeater and on 146.52 simplex worked well from the high site at Pioneer Village.

Seventy five contacts were made on phone & cw during the 5 hours we were on the air. Our most distant stations were San Salvador, Mexico and Nova Scotia. Carlos W9MYL got on and talked Spanish to our ~~other~~ Central American friends. We all enjoyed that!

- A } CQ CQ this is special interest station W9RH
 celebrating its 75th year of affiliation with
 the ARRL. CQ CQ de W9RH Club Station of the
 Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club
 or B } CQ CQ this is the world oldest continuously active
 radio club - W9RH Calling CQ.

History

- ① Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club is the world's continuously active radio club affiliated with the ARRL.
 - ② The club was founded in 1917 by Jay Baird ^{call was} 9H0
 - ③ The club became a charter member of the ARRL in Dec. 1919. Our charter membership certificate was signed by Hiram Percy Maxim himself.
 - ④ Our club call is from a previous member who has passed away.
 - ⑤ The club has had 48 presidents since it started, several have been elected for more than one term.
 - ⑥ The club has had over _____ members since it started.
 - ⑦ The club sponsors a VE program and has a VEC as a member.
 - ⑧ The club runs a school twice a year.
 - ⑨ The club prints a monthly news letter called the Hamshetter.
 - ⑩ We are using our field day site which is _____
- (over)

Q Q this is special interest station W9RH celebrating its 75th year of affiliation with the ARRL. Q Q from W9RH club station of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club. -OR--

Q Q this is the worlds oldest continuously active radio club - W9RH calling Q.

HISTORY

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9. The club prints a monthly news letter called The ~~Ham~~ ^{HAMATEUR} CHATTER.
10. We are using our field day site which is a restored railroad station in Pioneer Village which belongs to the Ozaukee County Historical Society.

Our operating station is setup on the actual desk used by the telegraph operator over fifty years ago. The station is set up as a museum. It has old time telegraph equipment and railroad memorabilia on display for public inspection along with our ham station we are using today. Our QSL cards are printed over a reproduction of our original charter certificate.

Please send your QSL card and a self addressed stamped business size envelope on a 9 1/2 x 12 envelope if you don't want any folds in the certificate to:

MRAC

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United States () of America

MRAC-ARRL 75th ANNIVERSARY OF AFFILIATION

The American Radio Relay League INC Charter of Affiliation

W9RH SPECIAL EVENT STATION
August 13, 1994

Confirming QSO with _____
Mode _____ Time _____ Certificate # _____

Signed _____
W9PWG President MRAC

To all to whom these presents come, Greeting:
Be it known that, whereas The Milwaukee Amateurs' Radio Club has expressed its willingness to cooperate with the American Radio Relay League in strengthening the position of amateur radio throughout the United States and in undertaking to further in every way the relay traffic of the A.R.R.L.

In pursuance of action taken by its Board of Direction,
The American Radio Relay League, does hereby declare
The Milwaukee Amateurs' Radio Club an affiliated society, and issues this charter in recognition thereof.



Signed at Hartford, this 5th day of December 1919.

American Radio Relay League, Inc.

H. B. Warner
Secretary

William Percy Maxine
President